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The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"The experiment is being tried."

Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER:—"Is milk improving experiment also done at Chintaladevi?"

Co-operation.

Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 395 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the names, caste, educational and other qualifications of all persons appointed as Honorary Assistant Registrars for the co-operative year 1924-25;

(b) the number of inspections of primary co-operative societies held by them, the number of arbitration inquiries made by them, the number of disputes among co-operators settled by them, during the six months ending with 31st December 1924; and

(c) the number of days spent in touring by these Honorary Assistant Registrars, the amounts drawn by them as travelling allowance for themselves and their peons during the same period?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Are not these Honorary Assistant Registrars appointed by the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"Yes."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"In that state of things, how is it that the Government have no information regarding the caste and the educational qualifications of the people appointed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"I do not know whether it is necessary for the Government to go into these details. But if the hon. Member is interested, I have no objection in getting him the information."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Before appointing the persons, do not the Government get information about the caste, the qualifications of the persons recommended and those ultimately appointed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"As regards these Honorary Assistant Registrars, I doubt very much whether it is necessary to go into these questions. For instance if, in the case of this Council, anybody wanted to raise a similar question regarding the nominated and elected members, it would not be easy to supply the information. But if the hon. Member asks for the information regarding the Honorary Assistant Registrars, I would not have the slightest objection in furnishing it to him."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"The question regarding the members of this Council is different. With regard to most of us, we are selected and not appointed. In the case of these Honorary Assistant Registrars, the Government are directly and solely concerned with the selection."

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" As I said, if the hon. Member insists upon having the information, I shall get it."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I want the information, Sir."

Mr. R. VEERLAN :—" May I know how many of these Assistant Registrars belong to the depressed classes ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The answer will be furnished along with the answer promised to be furnished."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister consider that there are a large number of co-operative credit societies existing among the fishermen folk and think it advisable to have one among the fishermen community to inspect the fishermen societies ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think the question arises."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" May I submit, Sir, that in (a) of the question the caste of persons appointed is asked for ? That has encouraged me to put this supplementary question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. the Minister has already stated that the castes will appear in the answer that he has promised to furnish. The hon. Member will then have the opportunity of asking his question. At present the Government say they have no information."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Emigration.

Normal distribution of out-door and in-door coolies on the Assam Tea Estates.

396 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the supplementary answer to question No. 1395, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what normally the distribution of out-door and in-door coolies is on the Assam Tea Estates ?

A.—The Government have no information. The Government of Assam have been addressed on the subject.

Emigration to Mauritius.

397 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether emigration to Mauritius permitted for one year from 31st May 1923 by G.O. No. 1449, Law (General), dated 28th May 1923, was resumed during 1923-24 ;

(b) if so, the number of emigrants that left this Presidency ;

(c) whether the period of one year sanctioned in the Government Order referred to has been extended ; and

(d) if so, the conditions on which the extension has been granted ?

A.—(a) & (c) No.

(b) & (d) Do not arise.